Welfare Schemes for Child Labour

*11. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any specific welfare schemes for child labour in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) Government of India has been implementing two schemes, for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work, namely the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) and the Scheme of Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. Under the Scheme of NCLP, funds are released to the Child Labour Project Societies constituted at the district level under the chairpersonship of the District Collector. The major activity under the Scheme is running of Special Schools/Centres for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work through non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, healthcare, stipend etc. So far 91 child labour projects are under implementation, in 10 child labour endemic States, for coverage of 1.9 lakh children.

Under the Scheme of Grant-in-aid, funds are released to voluntary organisations on the recommendation of the State Government for taking up action oriented projects for the benefit of working children. 72 voluntary organisations are implementing projects under the scheme.